Swift River
Essie Chambers
(Simon & Schuster)

In this heartbreaking debut set in the 1980s, Diamond, a Black girl growing up in New England, feels like a misfit. When she gets a letter from an estranged branch of the family, everything she thought she knew about herself turns upside-down. Secrets from the women that came before her allow Diamond to realize her full potential.

—Kaita Stover, Kansas City Public Library, MO
NoveList read-alike: The Unsettled by Ayana Mathis

Love Letters to a Serial Killer: A Novel
Tasha Coryell
(Berkley Books)

Twisty denouements abound in this psychological suspense novel about a woman falling for a suspected serial killer as she corresponds with him in jail. The author is able to depict the questionable choices of a down-on-her-luck woman who naively becomes entangled with a dangerous man. This is a darkly humorous, sexy, and entertaining thriller.

—Andrienne Cruz, Azusa City Library, CA
NoveList read-alike: I Told You This Would Happen by Elaine Murphy

That Night in the Library
Eva Jurczyk
(Poisoned Pen Press)

A group of students gather for a party in the library's basement. The night before, Malgosia was killed. Bodies start piling up. There are seven main characters and multiple POVs, but readers will be able to keep up thanks to Jurczyk's witty writing. It's a bonus to get an inside look at a rare books library.

—Danielle Honsard, Westland Public Library, MI
NoveList read-alike: If We Were Villains by ML Rio

Service Model
Adrian Tchaikovsky
(Tor.com)

This is a hilariously biting dystopian tale about a world where human civilization has collapsed and robots are stuck in poorly programmed loops that cause them suffering. We follow the adventures of a valet robot as he wanders across a bleak post-apocalyptic landscape, seeking a position where he can be of service to humans. Give this to Murderbot fans.

—Ariel Zeitlin, Montclair Public Library, NJ
NoveList read-alike: The Chosen Twelve by James Breakwell

Margo's Got Money Troubles
Rufi Thorpe
(William Morrow)

A heartwarming and luminous coming-of-age tale of a 20-year-old single mother trying to make it on OnlyFans. Readers will be rooting for Margo and will fall in love with the wacky cast of characters, especially her dad. Thorpe perfectly captures the intensity of caring for a newborn while crafting a smart and relatable heroine.

—Shannon Gruber, River Forest Public Library, IL
NoveList read-alike: Interesting Facts about Space by Emily Austin

Sandwich: A Novel
Catherine Newman
(Harper)

This story focuses on Rocky, a woman filled with menopausal rage and unrequited love for her family. The witty banter and poignant musings will have readers laughing hysterically while moping up tears a few pages later. This is a no-brainer for fans of Ann Patchett and those who enjoy a good family drama. Perfect for women's book discussion groups.

—Robin Beene, LibraryReads Ambassador, AZ
NoveList read-alike: Vacationland by Meg Mitchell Moore

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Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books
Kirsten Miller
(William Morrow)

Lula Dean's mission is to rid schools and libraries of all books she deems inappropriate, and she erects a Little Free Library filled with her chosen titles. But someone is changing the books by leaving the covers and substituting a wide variety of banned books. This timely tale shows how hate is banished and books can better your life when not restricted.

—Judy G. Sebastian, Eastham Public Library, MA
NoveList read-alike: Bookish People by Susan Cain

Shelterwood: A Novel
Lisa Wingate
(Thomas Nelson)

In this emotional dual narrative, National Parks Ranger Val is determined to solve a mystery surrounding the gravesite of three children. Shifting to the early 1930s, the narrative expands to expose the abuse of Choctaw children and feature the women crusading against illegal child labor at a town of Oklahoma's statehood.

—Erin Downey Howerton, Wichita Public Library, KS
NoveList read-alike: Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

12 Trips in 12 Months: Make Your Own Solo Travel Magic
Jan Ruiz
(Blackstone)

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- **The Rom-Commers**
  Katherine Center (St. Martin’s Press)
  - NovelList read-alike: *Nora Goes Off Script* by Annabel Monaghan

- **The Next Mrs. Parrish**
  Liv Constantine (Bantam)
  - NovelList read-alike: *The Lies / Tell* by Julie Clark

- **The Midnight Feast**
  Lucy Foley (William Morrow)
  - NovelList read-alike: *Daisy Darker* by Alice Feeney

- **Not In Love**
  Ali Hazelwood (Berkley Books)
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  Elin Hilderbrand (Little, Brown and Co.)
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  Christina Lauren (Hyperion Avenue)
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  Josh Malerman (Del Rey Books)
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  Annabel Monaghan (G.P. Putnam’s Sons)
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- **What You Leave Behind**
  Wanda M. Morris (William Morrow)
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  Ashley Poston (Berkley Books)
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  - NovelList read-alike: *Looking Glass Sound* by Catriona Ward

- **A Talent for Murder**
  Peter Swanson (William Morrow)

- **Horror Movie: A Novel**
  Paul Tremblay (William Morrow)
  - NovelList read-alike: *Burn the Negative* by Joshua Winning

- **Husbands & Lovers**
  Beatriz Williams (Ballantine Books)
  - NovelList read-alike: *Homecoming* by Kate Morton